Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Larry Luitjens was named Boys' High School Coach of the Year in 2002 by the South Dakota Sportswriters Association; and,

Whereas, Luitjens' 578th victory broke the all-time South Dakota record, which now stands at over 600 wins; and,

Whereas, Larry is to be commended for results obtained through his ability to draw Caucasian and Native American communities together through basketball; and,

Whereas, Luitjens' years of coaching many fine young athletes have earned him seven State "A" basketball titles, but his lifetime of coaching and mentoring has taught hundreds of athletes life's lessons, among them the value of teamwork and the trust it engenders; and,

Whereas, Larry is confident that positive attitude and prayer will overcome cancer and this will be yet another addition to the long list of opponents he has defeated; and,

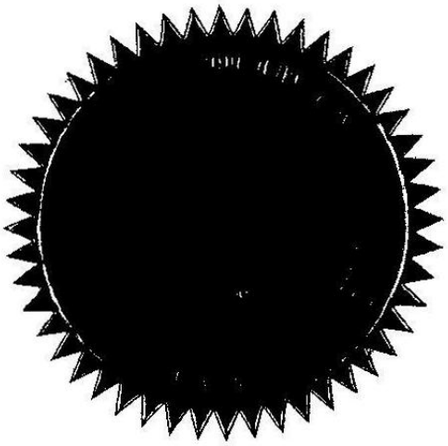
Whereas, The friends, fans, and citizens of Custer will recognize and honor this native South Dakotan at a ceremony on January 18, 2003; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper that the Governor of the State of South Dakota join the citizens of Custer in honoring their beloved coach and a remarkable South Dakotan:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 18, 2003, as

Larry Luitjens Day

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota in Pierre, the Capital City, this Ninth Day of January, in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Joyce Hazeltine, Secretary of State